Opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas

†1335. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more than one Navodaya Vidyalayas in each district of the country, keeping in view of popularity of these Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the States having hilly and tribal populations would be given priority for opening of such Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas likely to be established during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per the present scheme of Navodaya Vidyalaya, one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya is to be established in each district of the country.

Central Educational Institutes in Bihar

†1336. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in the absence of central educational institutes in Bihar, the brilliant students of the State have to go to various States of the country to get education;

(b) whether the brilliant students are adversely affected due to this reason;

(c) whether Government is ready to take any concrete steps; and

(d) whether any central university is proposed to be opened in the State in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Though inter-State mobility of students in the higher education sector is a natural phenomena irrespective of the availability of education institutions in a particular State, the Government is alive to the need for removing regional imbalances and the expansion of institutions of higher education in the country. Subject to the finalization of the 11th Plan, it is proposed to provide one Central University in each of the sixteen such States, including Bihar, which do not have a Central University so far.

Closing of Aligarh Muslim University

1337. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the background for closing down Aligarh Muslim University indefinitely;

(b) whether the core issue leading to indefinite closure has been identified and if so, the possible measures undertaken to redeem the situation;

(c) whether there could be a study on minority institutions in the country and analyse their problems, and initiate action to nip in the bud; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.